



# Bruton

Let us know your views!

Bruton should be identified as a **Rural Centre** because:

- ✓ It will enable the settlement to grow and expand its identified role
- ✓ It will allow for additional employment growth to create jobs for local people and reduce the need for commuting
- ✓ It will strengthen the small retail and service centre to meet the needs of the local population

## CURRENT ISSUES

- The town runs along the River Brue where there is a risk of flooding
- The extent of the Conservation Area, archaeology and wildlife, especially to the south of the town, makes it sensitive to new development
- Traffic and parking remain a problem in the historical town centre
- There is a limited range of job opportunities in the town, despite the strength of schools. Together with a small industrial estate, this results in over 50% of residents in employment having to travel outside the town to work
- Need to protect and enhance existing service base

## STRENGTHS

- A very attractive natural setting with a wealth of historical buildings
- The town has retained a railway station and has a reasonable bus service to nearby larger towns
- Presence of schools attracts families with children, giving opportunities for the town to grow
- Rich cultural links and history attracts visitors

## Vision for 2026:

- Growth to meet local needs and to encourage more job opportunities for local people.
- Broaden the range of job opportunities and develop up to 1 hectare of employment land.
- Up to 217 new homes (97 of these homes are already allocated).
- Help safeguard and improve local shops and services to better meet the needs of local people.

**Do you agree that Bruton is a Rural Centre?**

**Do you agree with the level and type of growth being planned?**

**Have we got this right? Have we got this wrong? If so, please tell us why.**

**We need your views**

